



**Announcement:
Global UGRAD Exchange Program
FY 2015-16**

Applications Must Be Received by February 27, 2015

The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce the Global UGRAD Exchange Program. It is a year-long, non-degree undergraduate exchange program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

Global UGRAD is an intensive academic program whose purpose is to provide undergraduate student leaders with in-depth exposure to U.S. society, culture, and academic institutions by engaging in substantive academic exchanges at colleges and universities across America. This program will provide full scholarships to outstanding students from non-elite, under-represented sectors from countries – including Bangladesh – for one academic year of non-degree undergraduate study at accredited U.S. two- and four-year institutions for the academic year 2015-2016. All academic fields of study are eligible. Scholarships will be awarded for one academic year (approximately 10 months) depending upon the applicant's interests and availability, as well as placement options and availability of funds.

Global UGRAD participants will be enrolled full-time in undergraduate course work chosen from a host institution's existing curriculum to allow students ample opportunity for substantive interaction with U.S. faculty and students and exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture. In addition, to help ensure students are successful in their new academic environments, host institutions will offer tailored instruction on topics including academic research and writing, critical thinking, time management, note-taking, and studying for and taking tests. Participants will live on-campus with American peers.

Participation in community service activities is mandatory. Additionally, an internship component will be offered for all participants during the academic component of the program. Internships will be related to the participant's field of study and/or career plans.

Scholarships will be granted primarily to students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in their home country. However, individuals who are about to begin their undergraduate studies will also be eligible to apply for this program.

Candidates should be highly motivated non-elite or underprivileged undergraduate students from colleges, universities and other institutions of higher education who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities. All candidates should know and speak English well. Applicants should have little or no prior experience in the United States or other foreign countries.

To find more information and apply please visit these links-

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html
www.worldlearning.org/ugrad

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, interested candidates must:

- Be Bangladesh citizens under 25 years of age and not dual citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., or any other country.
- Be currently enrolled university students in good standing in their **second to third year of undergraduate study**.
- Be proficient in both written and spoken English at a level sufficient to engage in university-level study.
- Have demonstrated leadership skills.
- Be committed to returning to their Bangladesh universities upon completion of the program.
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States.
- Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program and community service.
- Be adaptable and ready to engage in American university life, prepared to share accommodations with Americans of varied backgrounds, religions, and ethnicities, and able to adjust to cultural and social practices different than those in Bangladesh.

Application Package

A complete application package will include the following 3 items:

- 1) **A completed and signed application form, with the following supporting documents:**
 - a. One passport-size photo, attached to the first page of the application;
 - b. A copy of the data/photo pages of your passport;
 - c. Official transcripts for each year of university study, with certified translation if applicable;
 - d. Official results of the national general secondary school leaving exam (SSC/HSC).

- 2) **A Supplemental Form, with your personal statement (word limit 500) and you also have to write an answer of the question included in the supplemental form (Word limit 400-600).**
- 3) **Two letters of recommendation from professors or teachers, using the attached forms.**

Recruitment Process

- 1) **Application Deadline: Applications are due on or before Wednesday, February 27, 2015**

You have to apply through online: <http://bit.ly/1IvQPL3> or you can submit a hard copy either in person or by courier service to the American Center.

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- 2) Selection and Interviews: Short-listed candidates will be invited to interviews at the American Center.
- 3) Additional Requirements: Candidates selected by the American Center for the program will be required to complete medical tests, as well as a test of English-language proficiency such as TOEFL or IELTS. If you already have a valid TOEFL or IELTS score, please submit it with your application; if you do not, please do not schedule a test yourself, as the American Center will do so for all successful candidates. Having a valid score has no bearing on consideration for the program.
- 4) Final Approval: Although candidates will be nominated by the American Center, participation in the program is contingent on final approval from Washington, D.C. and funding availability.

For additional information, please contact Tahniah Shahid by phone at 5566, Ext. 2808 or by email at ShahidTX@state.gov. Thank you for your interest in Global UGRAD.

Sincerely,

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